

HOUSE JOCKEY SPENCER.

His Ride on Big Gun at the Aqueduct Track Open to Question.

SCHERRER'S LEVEL HEAD.

He Is No Artist, but He Used Good Judgment in Two Races.

By Francis Trevelyan.

The wind blew whirly blasts over the Aqueduct race course yesterday and the many who had neglected to bring overcoats with them shivered in chorus. The card was not a reassuring one, as quality was a minor quantity and there was nothing in the actual results that indicated anything for which "the faithful" had particular cause to be thankful.

No rank outsiders won and, indeed, every winner was well supported in the betting. Only two of them were actual favorites, but 5 to 1 was the longest price against any horse that was first, past the post, and in this case the horse Hold On was backed from tens and closed second favorite. The day was unproductive of features, unless one is to account an exceedingly weird performance by Spencer on Big Gun in the second race a feature.

Spencer seems to be a very long-headed jockey. He rides exceedingly well at times, so well, in fact, that he leaves no loophole for the critic to suppose that he makes mistakes at other times through ignorance or inability. If he did his best on Big Gun, then must his average form be discounted. If he was waiting for another chance, it was very easily by his own fault. He was not in the saddle on his feet at the start, though he got none the best of it, and soon opened up a gap. Spencer's Alex was first all the rest of the way, winning very easily by two lengths. Spencer on Big Gun was first away and there was no excuse for his falling back at once to the extreme rear. At the head of the stretch there was a kind of shuffle in which Spencer might possibly have fared badly, but it did not appear that he really did so. If he should appear so, he would not be unwilling that it should appear so.

Big Gun was full of running at the end and when other horses, notably Monday, whose price had fallen from 100 to 1 to thirty, was beaten he came like a flash from the back and ran into second position at the finish. The way the race was run Big Gun had no chance to beat Alex and probably could not have done so. Spencer's Alex, who was ridden by J. T. Manoley, was a very good horse, but his ride was, to put it mildly, unsatisfactory.

Shorrer rode Alex, and had previously ridden Monday. Scherrer is a very good rider, but he has a level head, and yesterday he realized that whereas the going was bad on the rail it was sound and good beyond some ten furlongs out. He and Alex he swung wide and so, getting sound footing, had the foot of his opponent, Kinkwood, who was a slight favorite, in a neck, but the latter had the better of it all the time and had a lot in hand at the finish.

Monday, who was ridden by two brackets to his credit. On Old Sings, in the seven furlong handicap, he rode a neat, clever, and when he was in the stretch he was in the stretch and Danforth would have been a neck, but the latter had the better of it all the time and had a lot in hand at the finish.

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